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PROVO - WEST CENTER STREET

This picture of early Provo showing West Center Street, looking west, was taken about 1875. Notice the utility poles down the middle of the street. The stream is the Mill Race, that provided power to Provo industries. (Provo Woolen Mills, Smoot Lumber Co., Ward Planing Mill, Hoover Flour Mill, and Provo Ice and Cold Storage Plant) Note also, that the businesses are on the north side of the street. The Taylor Brothers Department store can be seen here. It was one of the first department stores in Provo.

Center Street was one of the first streets to be laid out in Provo. When the northwest quarter of the city was surveyed in 1850-1851, Center Street and Main Street (Fifth West) were made wider than the rest. Most of the first business establishments were on West Center Street.



## OUR NEW PRESIDENT HAS QUALIFICATIONS GALORE

The new president of the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers for 1977-78 comes from a background of rich pioneer heritage and a lifetime of church and community service.

Oliver R. Smith was born in Davenport, Iowa, on March 8, 1913 to Hyrum and June Bushman Smith, the third of seven children. Both of his parents were born and reared in log homes on the Arizona frontier, his father a son of Jessie N. Smith, a pioneer of 1847 who became the first president of the Eastern Arizona (later Snowflake) Stake. His mother was born in Joseph City's pioneer fort, a daughter of Bishop John Bushman who had been an early settler in Lehi, Utah before being called to northern Arizona.

Pres. Smith moved with his family to Alberta, Canada in 1915, where he had his early education. When they returned to Salt Lake City he attended the University of Utah for two years before serving in the Eastern States Mission, 1934-36, and working an additional year in Palmyra, N.Y. During this time he wrote the first pageant produced at Hill Cumorah in 1936, and was managing director of the second, produced in July 1937.

### Military Service

He completed the B.A. degree in journalism at Brigham Young University in 1938, and after working for Utah newspapers became an instructor in journalism there. His career was interrupted, 1942-46, by military service during World War II. He rose from private to captain in the Army Air Forces, and saw overseas duty in the Philippines and Japan. After returning to Utah he continued service in the Air Force Reserve, and was retired in 1973 with the rank of colonel and the award of the Air Force Commendation Medal and recognition for special service to the U.S. Air Force Academy.

In 1946 he returned to BYU as head of the Journalism Department, and he has continued to teach there



National SUP President  
Oliver R. Smith

with the exception of leaves for graduate study and professional work with the mass media. He received the Ph. D. from University of Iowa in 1951, and has taught also at University of Iowa and Church College of Hawaii (now BYU Hawaii Campus). He has worked as a news staff member for the Deseret News, Salt Lake Tribune, Provo Herald, United Press, and Station KLRA, Little Rock, Ark.

### Department Chairman

Along with teaching duties at BYU he served as a department chairman for 15 years and helped organize the Communications Department which became the largest unit of its kind in the western states. He was also chairman of student publications there for 12 years, and received the national Adviser of the Year award in 1966.

In professional organizations in his field he served as president of the National Journalism Scholarship Society, vice chairman of the National Council of College Publications Advisers, and campus affairs

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# PROVO - - RICH IN PIONEER HERITAGE

BY N. LaVerl Christensen  
Editor, Provo Herald

Provo was founded in 1849 as a Mormon pioneer community - and after 128 years the pioneer spirit and the hallmarks of early-day builders and planners still remain, although not as readily discernible as in yester year.

To the visitor, the "pioneer city" image may seem somewhat obscure as he drives through plush residential sections, past modern churches and schools, and in sprawling business and industrial complexes in the city and environs.

True, the years have brought monumental changes since the settlement of Provo as "Fort Utah" - even since 1942 when the American Guide Series titled its volume of local history, PROVO: PIONEER MORMON CITY.

The changes are reflected in population growth. It took Utah County 90 years to reach 57,382 (1940 census). Provo, the county seat, acquired 18,071 of those residents in the same period.

Growth patterns surged markedly for cities and towns throughout the valley after Geneva Steel Works was built in 1942, accelerating industrial expansion. Today's estimates place Provo's population at 66,000 and the county's at 188,000.

While the changes occasioned by growth have tended to conceal some of the pioneer contributions, time has by no means erased them. The imprint of the industrious, far-sighted founders is evident in the wide, tree-shaded streets; in the well laid-out city; and in the architecture of historic and landmark buildings.

Even agriculture bears the pioneer stamp as indicated by this observation in the American Guide Series book: "Fertile farms, water-filled canals, and well-tended orchards memorialize pioneer faith and energy." In pioneer tradition, a great many residents grow vegetable gardens - a practice that has had a rebirth in recent years, on advice of church leaders.

A strong sense of appreciation for pioneer spirit and heritage is evident in the work of organizations such as the Sons and Daughters of the Pioneers; in the perpetuation of museums and historical monuments and statuary - and in widespread church-oriented genealogical and historical research.

Indeed, Provo and Utah Valley, in this modern day, would seem to be fulfilling the dreams of pioneer leaders who envisioned here a hub of religion, education, and culture; an agricultural and industrial center; and an important arm of the new Zion in the "tops of the mountains." Brigham Young University, founded by and named for the second Mormon prophet and president, is recognized as one of America's great institutions of higher learning and by itself does much to perpetuate pioneer spirit and culture; Utah County continues to rank No. 1 in the state in agricultural income; and expansion on early Mormon business and industrial beginnings has provided payrolls to accommodate growing population.

Only days after the first company of Mormon pioneers arrived in Great Salt Lake Valley in July 1847, Orson Pratt "became the first to view beautiful Utah Lake and Valley," historian Andrew L. Neff recorded. Scouting parties went out in succeeding weeks and months to evaluate the valley, its agriculture and stock range potential, and, of course, the attitude of the Indians who were numerous in the valley.

Journal History recounts that at a Council meeting March 10, 1849, with President Brigham Young presiding, it was voted "that a colony of 30 men settle in Utah Valley this spring for the purpose of farming and fishing and of instructing the Indians in cultivating the earth and teaching them civilization..."

On March 13, John S. Higbee was chosen president and bishop of  
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the Fort Utah (Provo) Branch, with his brother, Isaac, and Dimick B. Huntington as counselors. Both Higbee brothers had been bishops in Nauvoo, Ill. wards before the Saints were driven from that city in 1846.

The Higbee-led colony brought with it implements, seeds, and supplies, arriving on the banks of the Provo River April 1, 1849. Two days later the settlers began building log cabins and a stockade, known generally as Fort Utah, sometimes called Fort Provo.

(Note: Prior to 1969, Provoans observed March 12 as the date the settlers arrived. The *Daily Herald*, after its own research showed this couldn't be the correct date, urged the Provo City Commission to appoint a team of historians to research the subject. This was accomplished and on March 19, 1969 the commission passed an ordinance recognizing April 1 as the correct date of arrival and establishing April 3 - the day work started on the fort - as Provo's official birthday.)

The settlers wasted no time planting their first crops in the valley and completing, in about six weeks, their fort for protection against the Indians.

John S. Higbee was released May 27, 1849 to return to Salt Lake City, and Isaac Higbee was appointed to succeed him as president and bishop of the branch.

Brigham Young and his counselors visited Fort Utah in mid-September and designated a location on about two miles to the southeast for the permanent location of the city, according to Thomas Bullock's notes in *Journal History*.

Trouble with the Indians was a continual worry. There had been one skirmish, near the present city of Pleasant Grove, with a band of predatory Indians in the winter of 1849, before the first settlers entered Utah Valley. Four redmen were slain in the fight.

At Fort Utah the pioneers followed a policy of treating the Indians with kindness. But the natives, friendly much of the time, often turned in-

solent and threatening. As the months passed, tensions mounted. On the one hand, there was an unwarranted slaying of an Indian by three whites; on the other, the Utes accelerated their theft of livestock and other property, fired shots at the settlers, and repeatedly threatened warfare.

Ultimately the situation led to a brief military action against the Indians early in 1850. The move received reluctant approval from Brigham Young after long delay and following consultations with the top federal officer in the region, Capt. Howard Stansbury, who felt "it was a case of necessity," *Journal History* relates.

A volunteer company of the militia in Salt Lake augmented by Fort Utah volunteers engaged the Indians about Feb. 8-9 at the latter's stronghold in the river bottoms a mile or two above the fort. The Indians were routed with considerable losses after a determined siege. One white man - Joseph Higbee, son of Isaac Higbee, president of the settlement - was among the dead.

In the spring of 1850, the colonists relocated Fort Utah easterly on land now occupied by North (Sowiette) Park because of the wet condition at the original location. As the fort became overcrowded, the settlers began to build homes on city lots in 1851-52. With population growing, they felt confident in their safety. Indian troubles, of course, continued for years, including the so called "Walker War" of 1853-54.

On Feb. 6, 1851, the General Assembly of Deseret granted Provo a charter modeled after that of Nauvoo. The first city council was elected in April, with Ellis Eames as mayor. (The name Provo, by the way, was taken from Etienne Provot, also spelled Provost, early trapper and adventurer.)

Brigham Young's colonization program soon was to become a necessity as well as an advantage,

with the steady influx of Mormon immigrants into Great Salt Lake Valley. Colonists began to establish several Utah Valley settlements in the fall of 1850:

--Lehi, named for the Book of Mormon leader. Earlier names: Dry Creek, Sulphur Springs, Snow Springs and Evansville.

--American Fork, name derived from the creek which flows through the city; previously called McArthurville and Lake City.

--Pleasant Grove, originally called Battle Creek because of its proximity to the site of the first Mormon-Indian skirmish in the Territory.

--Alpine, named for its mountainous location; at first called Mountainville.

--Springville, named for a large spring near the townsite; originally called Hobbie Creek.

--Payson, named for James Pace, prominent settler. Earlier called Fort Petetneet, this was a key way station on the pioneer route south.

Spanish Fork was settled in the winter and spring of 1850-51, and Salem and Santaquin had their beginnings in 1851. Spanish Fork was named for Spanish Fork River which took its name from the old Spanish Trail used by the Dominguez-Escalante explorers in 1776. Santaquin was named for a Ute Indian leader; and Salem for New Salem, Mass., home town of an early leader.

As with other present Utah Valley communities, Orem, second largest city in the valley, was founded later. For a long time this area was known as Provo Bench.

From the first, Provo has been the valley's largest city, and it stands today as a monument to Mormon faith and foresight. Here are a few historical highlights in the first half century of its existence:

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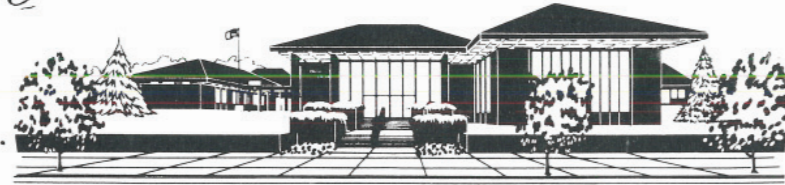
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--Utah Stake, which for 50 years covered all of Utah Valley was organized by Brigham Young March 19, 1851 at meetings in the school house within the Second Fort. Isaac Higbee was the first stake president.

--Provo became headquarters of the Church for a few months in the spring of 1858 during the "move south" occasioned by the approach of Johnston's Army in the so called "Utah Rebellion" incident.

--The Provo Meeting House (later called the Old Tabernacle) was dedicated Aug. 24, 1867 with President Young presiding and Apostle John Taylor offering the dedicatory prayer. The adobe structure, with ornately-finished interior, was located in the north-central section of the present tabernacle block until razed in 1918-19. This structure predated the Mormon Tabernacle in Salt Lake City which was put to use with its gallery not yet installed when the 37th Semi-Annual Conference of the Church opened Oct. 6, 1867, and was dedicated Oct. 9, 1875.

--Abraham O. Smoot, who had served 10 years as Salt Lake mayor, was called by Brigham Young to preside in Provo early in 1868. On Feb. 8 he was elected Provo mayor at a mass meeting, and on Feb 9 he became the seventh president of Utah Sta. 2. He served 27 years in this post - until his death March 6, 1895.

--Brigham Young resided in Provo part-time for a period, moving the family of one of his wives (Eliza Burgess) here Feb. 26, 1868. Their home, then across the street south from the present tabernacle, served as the office of the pioneer Deseret Telegraph Company.

--The Provo Woolen Mills, a major industry for several decades, had its inception in church discussions. It manufactured its first cloth June 1, 1873.

--Brigham Young Academy was established in the fall of 1875. President Smoot served as chairman of the board of trustees.

--The present Provo Tabernacle (built as Utah Stake Tabernacle),

## L. Tom Perry Speaker at Sunrise Service

The traditional SUNRISE SERVICE held each Pioneer Day under the auspices of the Pioneer Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers was held this year on July 25th at the Salt Palace. Elder L. Tom Perry of the Council of the Twelve was the speaker and the Mormon Youth Symphony and Chorus furnished the music under the direction of Robert C. Bowden with Roy M. Darley as organist. Glen A. Lloyd welcomed those present and took charge of the proceedings. The Mormon Battalion under Col. Elmer Jones had charge of the flag ceremony and pledge of allegiance.

Elder Perry reminded those present of the intelligent and inspired leadership displayed by the great colonizer of the Intermountain West, Brigham Young. How he set the pattern for subduing and building this area to make it "blossom as the rose" and make it a blessing to us and all mankind.

was begun in 1883 and dedicated April 17, 1898 by George Q. Cannon, first counselor in the first presidency. It had been in use in partially-finished condition since late in 1885.

--The tabernacle was the scene of a great statehood celebration Jan. 4, 1896 when Utah became the 45th state in the Union.



Elder L. Tom Perry as he spoke to the crowd who gathered at the Salt Palace to pay tribute to the Pioneers July 25.

He told of the suffering and rescue of the handcart company which brought his great-grandmother and her children to the valley of the Great Salt Lake.

"The strength of Brigham Young's leadership capability, I believe, is found in three areas:

1. FAITH, I marvel at his faith in the Lord . . . I often dream of what a difference our lives would be if, in these great valleys of the mountains, we could all live by a faith in God, our Eternal Father; a faith in our eternal potential; a faith in our basic family organization. God grant us the continuing  
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This painting by Samuel Jepperson depicts Fort Utah under construction in 1850 at its second location, the present Sowiette Park.



## Story Contest Winners

A graphic account of a kidnap victim's escape from her Indian captors has won first place in the annual story-writing contest sponsored by the Sons of Utah Pioneers.

Mrs. Ann Godfrey Hansen of Preston, Idaho will receive the society's gold medal and \$25 for her story, "Saved by a Cattail." It relates the brush with death experienced by Catherine Cumberland when abducted by plains Indians from a pioneer wagon train in 1858.

The author, a native of Clarkston, Utah, received the B.S. and M.Ed. degrees from Utah State University in history and English, and is a retired school teacher.

In the contest's youth division similar awards will go to Roxanne Ryan of Smithfield who wrote of pioneer experiences of her great-grandparents in early-day Utah and Oregon. Honorable mention winners were Shanna Johnson, Smithfield, and Sue Williamson, Logan.

Second-place winner in the senior division is E. Kay Kirkham, member East Millcreek SUP, with his story, "A Fortunate Horseback Ride." Sylvester C. Anderson, President of Temple Fork Chapter, won third place with his account of a Swedish immigrant's trek to Cache Valley in the 1860's.

Medals and prizes will be presented to the winners at the 1977 S.U.P. national encampment which will be held at the University of Utah August 18-20. Dr. Oliver R. Smith of the Brigham Young University communications department is the contest chairman.

## L. Tom Perry Speaks

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faith of our Pioneer Forefathers.

2. COURAGE. Courage was clearly evident in his life . . . Again I dream of what a difference life would be in this state if we had the courage of Brigham Young. Certainly you cannot imagine him standing by and letting problems of energy, drought,

# Saved by a Cattail

by Ann G. Hansen

The Indians circled around the camp of the pioneers. Their war bonnets blazed in the sun as they sat erect on their ponies, showing no signs of hostility. This band of Saints had not been molested, but still they feared Indians, and the women began to hide in the wagons, gathering their little ones around them.

Suddenly there was a scream as an Indian stopped by a wagon, and little James, aged six, was grabbed forcibly and taken away. While the attention was focused on this wagon, two more Indians stole little nine-year-old Shirley, and with their two small captives rode swiftly away. There was sobbing and confusion as men grabbed their guns and tried to follow them, but it was of no use. The Indians knew the land and the men didn't. They hunted two days without a clue, and then decided they must go on because summer was almost over.

In the camp were two young lovers, John, who was just sixteen, and his bride, Catherine, the same age. They were expecting a baby and as the company sorrowed for the little lost boy, another was born on the prairie to take his place. The Indians didn't bother any more, but they all had that eerie feeling that they were being watched. Pioneer life was hard and exacting. Guards were posted every night, water was

scarce, and a diet of wild game became monotonous. Tired and footsore, the people became irritable.

"Let's take the short route through the mountains," they grumbled. "Nothing could be worse than having our children stolen."

"But we have been warned not to go that way," the captain cautioned, "we know there are hostile Indians there. Why take chances?"

"Let's get to our destination," murmured the weary travelers. "We're hungry and tired and there's a chance we might find the children if we take that road."

Against his better judgement, the captain of the wagon train was swayed by a rebellious group and took the short route. The first day all went well. The second the same. The third night, as they made camp, everyone was happy. The white canvas of the carts and wagons shone like a streak of white clouds in the sky. Smoke steamed up from dozens of cooking fires, and the smell of roasting meat whetted the appetites of everyone. Women washed multi-colored clothes and hung them on the grass and bushes to dry. Catherine was among them. With her brown hair flowing in the wind she made a picture of beauty. There was the light and love of motherhood glowing on her young face as she hung her baby's clothing on the bush, carefully smoothing out each wrinkle.

Men chopped wood for fuel and to repair wagons, and the herd boys dozed as the oxen and horses fed contentedly around them. Suddenly  
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divorce, dishonesty, corruption, noise, pollution and crime go unchallenged without meeting them head-on with enthusiasm. God grant us the courage of our Pioneer Forefathers.

3. INDUSTRY. Industry was surely a mark of his accomplishments. He had a burning desire to make his people more productive . . . My dreams continue - What if this spirit were still burning within all of us . . . The pride in our creative talents would cause us to continually improve and make our state more beautiful. God grant us the industry of our Pioneer Forefathers."

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they all looked up and saw themselves completely surrounded by Indians. Again the Indians used the same tactics as before. They began riding in circles around the camp with every move carefully planned. They stopped abruptly, grabbed two women, and galloped away with their hostages in front of them, giving their savage yells. One woman was the young mother Catherine. Her husband with other men grabbed their guns, but they were surrounded by painted bodies with pointed arrows on every side, and to fight was useless.

The Indians watched the bewilderment and sorrow with pride and satisfaction, and after their captives were well out of sight, they rode away leaving the camp in a state of frenzy. The air was heavy with dust, the oxen stamped, and men cursed for coming that way amid the screams of frightened women and children. That night no one sang "All is Well," but prayers were offered for the missing women.

As dawn came, the men from the camp tried to follow the Indians' path, shooting wildly, and falling in the brush, without success. The pioneers were defeated again.

Meanwhile, the Indians glided over the brush and leaped the small gullies, clutching tightly their prisoners. Fear overcame Catherine as she thought of leaving a land of love to go to the home of the savage, and maybe death. She made a desperate jump, but the sharp nails of her captor dug deeper into her sides, and she knew it was hopeless. On they rode through the endless pines with terror as the Indians told them they were taken away to be wives of some of the braves. The Indians laughed at their tears. "Foolish way of the white men," they taunted.

Finally the Indians stopped to rest with their captives. They tied their hands and feet with buckskin thongs, and then built a bonfire and roasted crickets on sticks for their supper. They tried to feed this savage delicacy to the women but they shook their heads with nausea and fear.

The embers of the fire died out and the Indians, weary of their hard ride, lay down to rest and were soon fast asleep. Catherine wriggled her hands in the bindings. Something seemed to give. Cautiously she tried

again and again until one hand was free. There was not a sound. Then she untied her feet. An Indian grunted, and her heart pounded, as he turned over and continued his sleep. With a prayer to God for protection, she decided to take the chance and slipped into the underbrush. A branch cracked as she moved, and again she felt all was lost, but the Indians slept on. She crawled for a long way in the thicket with her legs and hands cut and bleeding from the thorns, but she went on and on, not knowing where. It seemed like hours before she came to a river. She had always had a terrible fear of deep water, but now it was her only hope. She slipped into the cold water and hung on to some low branches. Her body shook with cold as she uttered another silent prayer to God begging Him to let her return to her husband and baby.

There was a crash in the bushes and she heard the voices of the Indians. She was frantic as the inspiration came, "Take a cat tail stem from the bank, crouch down in the water, and use it to breathe through." She quickly obeyed the prompting and was under the water as the Indians looked for footprints along the bank. She lay still, knowing that a cough, a sneeze or a ripple in the water would betray her. Her legs cramped with the cold, and fear clutched her as she listened to her captors. The Indians continued to search.

She prayed again for darkness to come, and when it finally did come, the Indians went away. With her body so cold and stiff she could hardly move, she wandered under the cover of night, wondering where. As morning came she saw camp fires to the east. Could it be pioneers, or Indians? She walked a little closer and saw the outline of a circle of covered wagons, and her steps quickened as she realized they were people of her own faith.

As she neared the camp she fell exhausted and didn't regain con-

sciousness until the sun was high in the sky. Then the jolt of the wagon, and kind hands that bathed her fevered body helped her to know that her escape was real. Pneumonia set in, and for many days no one thought she would live, but her prayers were answered once more and she recovered.

Then one day a scout brought the word that her people were close by, and they would catch up with them the next day. Catherine was so filled with joy and excitement that she could hardly be kept from running on alone.

And then tomorrow came. Men could be seen in the distance like a moving ant bed. Closer and closer they came. Catherine could stand the suspense no longer and jumped from the slow-moving wagon and started running.

Across, in the other camp, a young man stood aside, looked, hesitated, looked again and with a bound went to meet the eager woman.

Both sides looked on with tears on their sunburned faces as two figures were silhouetted as one, reunited on the prairie.

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At the Lion House on July 15th the Centennial Trekkers held their annual get-to-gether. Most of the living members of the group were present who enacted the trekk in 1947 from Nauvoo to Salt Lake in honor of the original band led by Brigham Young which entered the Valley July 24, 1847.

Notice was given that the plaque with the names of the 1947 Trekkers was in the process of being moved to the "THIS IS THE PLACE MONUMENT" site. Contributions to complete the work had been asked for and most of the money needed has been received. Those who have not assisted and wish to do so may send their check to Ralph G. Smith, 105 East So. Temple No. 548, Salt Lake City, Utah 84103. Dedication will take place July 19, 1977.

A sad note of each reunion is the decrease in numbers who belong to this exclusive group. Only seventy-four remain of the original one hundred forty-eight, exactly one-half have passed to their reward.

Some addresses have been lost because of moves and changes. If you could help with the address of any of the following it would be greatly appreciated. John H. Wessman, formerly of Malad, Salt Lake and Honolulu; Sullivan Richardson, formerly 1400 East 33rd St., Chicago (Sully was the official photographer and he may still have some of the pictures of the trek that would be interesting.); Dr. James



Ralph G. Smith giving his report to the Centennial Trekkers.

H. Lyman, last known address, Bountiful, Utah. Send information to Ralph G. Smith address above.

The following were selected for the 1978 committee: George B. Everton, President; Aldon Anderson, Capt. 100's; Donald B. Alder, Capt. 50's; Verl Dixon, Capt. 10's; David Evans, Capt. Guard; Ralph G. Smith, Secretary.

## Past President Reese Expresses Thanks

The past and continued progress of SUP has been and is dependent upon the combined efforts of every member. Without such dedicated individuals who are committed to the accomplishment of present and future objectives, the organization would cease to grow and be the great organization that it is.

It has been a most rewarding experience for me to be able to work with such dedicated men as those I have served with this past year, on the National board, chapter officers and the encampment committee. Our continued growth is dependent on such dedicated men.

A sincere thanks to John Nielsen, encampment chairman and Joe Brown, East Millcreek chapter president, all committees and members of the chapter for an excellent encampment.

I would also like to express my appreciation to Joy Dunyon for his excellent leadership as chairman of the days of 47 and helping to promote SUP at every opportunity.

I have been pleased to be a part of the accomplishments of this past year. It has been a fruitful time.

I love this great organization and desire to continue to serve where I am needed and pledge my full support to our very capable new president, Oliver Smith.

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## Lawman's Son Catches Cassidy Gang

In the early 1890's Butch Cassidy and his band of outlaws, known as the Wild Bunch, had just made a clean sweep of a Colorado bank vault and were hiding with their loot in the rugged hills north of Vernal, Utah. A posse was after them and had followed their trail for days - only to find deserted campfires and no outlaws. Butch Cassidy had once again evaded the law.

Some eighty years later the law finally arrived. The surprise came recently when Butch Cassidy's younger sister, Lula Betenson of Circleville, Utah, was caught red-handed celebrating her 93rd birthday with cake and ice cream.

Making the surprise visit to the outlaw family was a lawman's son, Earl Bascom, whose father, John W. Bascom, was deputy sheriff in Vernal and was a member of the Cassidy-chasing posse.

Instead of exchanging gun shots and bullets, these two exchanged their family histories. Butch's sister recounted stories she wrote in her latest book, "Butch Cassidy, My Brother," published by the Brigham Young University Press. The detail-

## Special Award for Mort Hill from National Board

E. Morton Hill, C.P.A. Married Rula Brown. They have one son and two daughters - 14 grandchildren. Public Accounting has been his business for 40 years; his activities include: 1953 Co-founder and partner Robison, Hill and Co. Certified Public Accountants of Salt Lake City, Utah; 1963 started partnership of Robison, Hill and Price, C.P.A. in Los Angeles, California area. This practice was later sold; Member American Institute of Certified Public Accountants; Member Utah Association of Certified Public Accountants; East Mill Creek Chapter of Sons of Utah Pioneers; 1968 President and various other offices prior; 1968 - 1970 National Vice President; 1970 - 1971 National President; Life Member No. 88; Ambassador Athletic Club; Utah State Historical Society; Consultant for Utah Association of Counties; Both he and Rula enjoy research and visiting ghost towns and other historical places; Speaker on income tax and estate tax planning; Church activities primarily with the youth on both ward and stake levels; Stake missionary. Congratulations Mort.

## President Freed Recognized for Wonderful Job Moving and Restoring Pioneer Village

Peter Freed, youngest of five sons was born to Jasmine Young and Lester David Freed in Salt Lake City, Utah on January 8, 1921.

Educated in Salt Lake City public schools, he graduated from East High school in 1937, and from the University of Utah, with a B.A. degree in 1947. During World War II, he served three years with the United States navy.

Following graduation, Mr Freed worked for Freed Finance Company before becoming involved with the Lagoon Corporation. He has been associated with Lagoon for thirty-one years, becoming President three years ago.

He and Cristie Wicker were married on July 15, 1944. They have six children; David, Howard, Michael, Anne, Kristen and Jennifer.

A plaque was presented to Peter with thanks from SUP.



*Butch Cassidy memories stirred*

*Pictured below are scenes from the 1977 National Encampment. Top: Couples dancing between courses at the President's Banquet, Middle: Outdoor Barbecue Steak Dinner on Friday evening, Bottom: Mormon Battalion Color Guard Ceremony Saturday morning.*

ed book reveals many longheld secrets about her family and her outlaw brother, among them the truth about Butch Cassidy's death.

To end their historical meeting and to assure everyone that the birthday visit was peaceful, the two families posed for photographs. The only shots fired by anyone were snapshots.

Brother Bascom is Stake Patriarch in Victorville, Calif. and a life member of the SUP and USMB. He is also a well-known western artist and sculptor who is listed in "Who's Who in American Art."

Lula Betenson welcomes letters at Box 177, Circleville, Utah 84723.





## Sons Invited to Join in Taking a Stand Against Corruption and Indecency

Some months ago the National Board of the SUP under the direction of President Reese organized a Civic Affairs Committee. Joy F. Dunyon was appointed chairman with Phil Robbins and George Everton members. Since that time they have worked with members of the legislature regarding the restoration of old buildings such as the Deveraux Mansion and some other matters.

At the July meeting of the National Board, the committee was asked to prepare and present to the members and delegates at the coming encampment some resolutions regarding the stand that should be taken by the "Sons" in civic affairs. The following resolution was prepared, presented and passed, with the understanding that the eight propositions would be presented to each chapter for their approval or rejection. Now the Civic Affairs Committee of each chapter is to take these propositions to their group for comments, additions or deletions and then report back to the National Civic Affairs Committee concerning the reactions of their members.

It has been expressed by many that a stand must be taken against the many immoral practices extant in today's world. You are invited to express your personal opinion, be it for or against these vital matters. Address your letter to: The Civic Affairs Committee, National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers, 2998 South 2150 East, Salt Lake City, Utah.

**A RESOLUTION PRESENTED TO THE DELEGATES AND MEMBERS ASSEMBLED AT THE BUSINESS MEETING OF THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF UTAH PIONEERS AUGUST 20, 1977, UNIVERSITY OF UTAH, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.**

Be it resolved by the delegates assembled at the business meeting of the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers, August 20, 1977, that each chapter shall appoint a committee or committees to foster and promote the ideals expressed in

the following propositions; and that these committees work with the Civic Affairs Committee of the National Board SUP and on their own to publicize these principles, and to convert and enlist the citizens of our nation in a powerful, never-ceasing and finally successful effort to stop the immoral tide sweeping in from every side, with threats of engulfing us at every turn.

### Proposition No. 1

**RESOLVED:** that the United States Government get out of the business that competes with private enterprise. The 700 or more government corporations that compete with private firms could be sold for an estimated \$65 billion (25% of value), reducing the federal debt and putting these businesses on the tax lists to further reduce the tax load of the common man. The same rule should apply to state and local governments as well.

### Proposition No. 2

**RESOLVED:** that all citizens should take an active part in boosting the God given free enterprise system of this wonderful Republic, preventing the boast of Khrushchev that our grandchildren would soon be living under communism. A strong positive action must be taken against this state dominated, freedom curbing organization, and all socialistic tendencies, or we will see our constitution hang by a thread and break.

### Proposition No. 3

**RESOLVED:** that as it takes three-fourths of our states to change our National Constitution by legislation the same rule should apply to the Supreme Court in its "interpretive" rulings. Five to four (or it could be four to three) members of our highest court have - and still can - alter our time honored liberties guaranteed by the Constitution. When it comes to passing judgement regarding the Constitution the Supreme Court should require a majority of at least seven to two before the traditional interpretation of our rights can be changed.

### Proposition No. 4

**RESOLVED:** that we stand for a drastic reduction in government spending and in the number of government employees. About 2 1/2 million civilian workers are unprecedently perpetuating themselves with new commissions - new task forces - new laws to force us all to do the bidding of the bureaucrats, taking our freedoms away one by one in a slow but certain manner.

### Proposition No. 5

**RESOLVED:** that we stand for honoring and raising to the highest degree the women of the world, but not through the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) which will lower rather than raise the status of women. No one can be raised to a higher plane by legislation - only by education, self effort, integrity and self improvement can this advancement be attained.

### Proposition No. 6

**RESOLVED:** that we stand for the principle that the "fetus" has, under normal circumstances, the right to live; that abortions should be permitted only in the cases of threat to the mother's life, rape or incest; that it is a vile and outrageous insult to most taxpayers if their money is used for abortions-on-demand.

### Proposition No. 7

**RESOLVED:** that we vigorously abhor and will take an unalterable stand against pornography homosexuality, trial marriages and immorality in any form; that we will live clean, moral lives ourselves and be examples for good that our pioneer ancestors might be as proud of us as we are of them.

### Proposition No. 8

**RESOLVED:** that we stand for the preservation of pioneer homes, buildings and other memorabilia which stir memories of the past and the eternal obligation we owe our forefathers. We are the cumulative sum of the blood of all our ancestors, delete any one from our pedigree and we are a nonentity. Besides giving life to each

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## Pioneer Village at Lagoon Celebrates Pioneer Day

Elder Sterling W. Sill of the First Quorum of Seventies was the featured speaker at Lagoon's Village Green as the Sons of Utah Pioneers and others gathered to commemorate the "This is the Right Place" day. Dr. Orson Wright was the master of ceremonies for the special meeting which will undoubtedly be set up as an annual affair.

Special appropriate music was furnished by Craig Stephenson and Beckie Glade singing duets from *Promised Valley* with Denise Cornwall as their accompanist. Prayers were offered by SUP President Elect, Oliver R. Smith and George B. Everton, Sr.

Elder Sill told of the birth of his mother 102 years ago close by in Farmington. Also how he had courted his wife in nearby Kaysville. He spoke of several special days we celebrate such as Mothers Day, Fathers Day, Memorial Day, Christmas and the Fourth of July. He then gave many reasons we should celebrate July 24th. How the Pioneers paved the way for abundant, almost endless, blessings to flow to us - their descendants.

Sister Sill, a daughter and son-in-law and several grandchildren accompanied him to Pioneer Village.



Main Street Pioneer Village at Lagoon, Pioneer Day 1977.



Elder and Sister Sterling W. Sill and some of their descendants. Picture taken in the Old Rock Church at Lagoon on Pioneer Day. Elder Sill was speaker at the services honoring the Pioneers.

## Stand Against Corruption and Indecency

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of us our ancestors left footprints for us to follow. Let us pay tribute to them and hold on to every artifact and structure we possibly can that we may preserve for all time and all people the stories and accomplishments of the first settlers of this delightful, blossoming land.

*Note: The majority of the members present at the above meeting voted in favor of the resolution with the understanding that the chapter committees appointed to the task would review each proposition with*

*the membership of their chapter and report back to the Civic Affairs Committee of the National Board SUP of the acceptance of, or any changes, deletions or additions to the propositions as voted by a majority of the membership of their chapter.*

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*Our New President, Oliver R. Smith and Past President, D. Wesley Reese confer at the podium.*



*One section of the delegates as they assembled in the business meeting*

## **NEW OFFICERS ELECTED AT NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT**

One of the important business items of each National Encampment is the election of officers for the coming year. Last year's president-elect, Oliver R. Smith a member of the Brigham Young Chapter takes of the guidance reins for the next 12 months. Joy Dunyon (East Mill Creek) was voted in as President-Elect.

Vice Presidents were elected as follows: North Area, Virgil Peterson (Box Elder); Weber-Layton Area, Milton W. Priest (Mt. Ogden); North S.L. Area, Clay Allred (South Davis); Mormon Battalion, Col Elmer B. Jones; South S.L. Area Phil Robbins (Sugar House); Central Utah, John F. Jones (Brigham Young); Southern Utah, Edwin Cox (Kanab); California, Dr. Evan Perkins (Sierra).

We all look forward to a year of continued success for SUP with these good men directing the work. Many plans for the building of our Society are in the mill and many more will be brought forward with our new officers. Let's all back them up with moral as well as physical support. Instead of standing on the side-lines and cheering we've got to get in and help pull the load. Our shoulders side by side with theirs will bring the success we all want.

## **Delegates Consider Matters at Annual Encampment**

At the business meeting of the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers, held in connection with the 1977 Encampment, President D. Welsey Reese expressed his appreciation for the work done by the board and all the chapters during his tenure of office.

Besides the usual matters of business there were several items of interest which should be noted:

1. The bid for the 1978 National Encampment was accepted from Brigham City, with Logan as co-host. The 1979 encampment will probably be held at Bountiful.

2. The Mormon Battalion is in need of funds to finish paying for the expense incurred on the presentations of their show which was presented in a number of cities as they traveled to route of the Mormon Battalion on a Centennial Trek. Donations will be gratefully accepted by Co. Elmer Jones, 1864 South State, SLC 84115.

3. It was suggested that with the many young people joining our organization we should probably engage an extra special keynote speaker for our National Encampment next year.

4. Historians are needed to research and write down several phases of Utah history and things

## **Honored Guests at Encampment**

One of the distinct pleasures of each encampment is to meet and mingle with the special guests who have been invited to participate with us. This year we were especially favored to have as visitors the following: Elder Mark E. Petersen, of the Council of Twelve, who spoke at the commemorative service at "This is the Place" Monument; Sister Barbara B. Smith, president of the National Relief Society who was speaker at the meeting for the ladies while the business meeting was in progress; Elder Sterling W. Sill, of the First Quorum of Seventy and his lovely wife Doris; Salt Lake City Commissioner Herman J. Hogensen. The Sills and Commissioner Hogensen attended the President's Banquet. Mention should also be made that Patriarch Eldred G. Smith was with us most of the day and was given the "Outstanding Individual Award". As chaplain of the National Board we have seen him often and our respect for him grows with each contact.

about our Pioneers that are not generally known, such as the Utah War, etc.

5. The Civic Affairs Committee presented a resolution to the delegates and members. The full text of the resolution and the action taken by the meeting are given on page twelve.



## Life Membership List Continues to Grow

In the May-June issue of *The Pioneer* we reported a communication from our Executive Secretary, George C. Lloyd indicating that we had at that time 224 members registered as Life Members. Since that time sixteen more have been added to the roll, making a total of 240. Isn't it wonderful to see such growth? Life Members give added strength and continuity to our association. Following is a list of the sixteen who have made known their desire see that the SUP remains a viable and vigorous society:

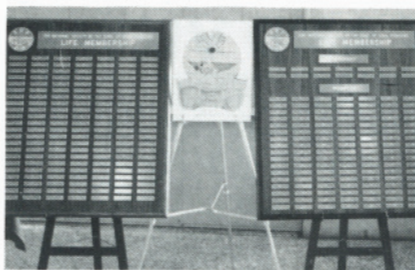
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Howard D. Johnson, East Millcreek  
Lincoln F. Kener, East Millcreek  
Carl Quist, East Millcreek  
Woodrow L. Williams, South Davis  
C. K. Cummings, Pioneer  
Quenton Thomas, Temple Fork  
Leonard J. Kjar, East Millcreek  
William Critchlow, Ogden

## New Chapters - New Life

It is gratifying to announce that three new chapters have been organized this past year. The East Mill Creek Chapter is to be congratulated in sponsoring two chapters, Taylorsville-Bennion with Joseph E. Bennion as president and Murray with T. Morris Rowley as president.

Our thanks to Holladay Chapter for organizing and encouraging a group of young men to be known as the Mt. Olympus Chapter. Their president is Michael T. Robbins.

It is our understanding that several new chapters are in the formative stage. Let's keep the ball rolling. Our vitality and influence multiplies and becomes a great source of power as our numbers increase.



*Life Membership Plaque Now Has 240 Names*

## Centennial Trekking Monument Moved to "This is the Place" Area

As part of the National Encampment last month the SUP and the Centennial Trekkers met at the "This is the Place" Monument to rededicate the plaque and granite tablet honoring the 1947 Trekkers which had been moved from the Old Pioneer Village.

The names of the 143 men, 3 women and 2 boys, who followed the trail of the original pioneers from Nauvoo to the Salt Lake Valley on the hundredth anniversary of this famous trek, had been cast in brass about 1948. Horace and Ethel Sorensen assisted in making the plaque available and setting it up near the Round House on Pioneer Main Street. As the ground is now to be sold it had to be moved. Very fittingly a spot was found by the State Parks Commission near the impressive monument erected to immortalize the famous words of Brigham Young.

Elder Mark E. Petersen of the Council of Twelve, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was the speaker for the occasion. He praised the pioneers for their loyalty to the United States even though they had been literally driven out by mobs. "But regardless of that," he said, "They knew that those people didn't represent the U.S. They knew the United States to be a land of destiny, and they and their de-



*Elder Mark E. Petersen speaking to Centennial Trekkers and guests.*

scendants have ever since told us that we should honor the flag and be loyal to this great country of ours.

"They were custodians of a great truth. Now we are custodians of this truth, and it is up to us to continue to carry it forward."

The East Millcreek Chapter, sponsors of the 1977 Encampment, arranged for the program. D. James Cannon conducted the meeting which recognized the Centennial Trekkers who had gathered for the important event.



*At the rededication of the Centennial Trekkers Monument. Ralph G. Smith, Secretary; Harry N. Poll, Past President; George B. Everton, Sr., President.*

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## CHAPTER NEWS AND VIEWS

### Mt. Ogden Chapter

The Mt. Ogden Chapter has continued each month to have outstanding meetings and activities to keep up the interest and education of members and guests in attendance. On 9 Feb. Dr. Floyd Seager, a member of the chapter, related his experiences while a member of the original MASH medical group in Korea and showed a number of slides on the activities at that time. The current MASH TV show is patterned after the activities experienced by his group. Dr. William P. Miller, former president of Weber State College, and his wife, Mary spoke of their experiences and showed slides on March 9th about their recent trip to the Far East. In April Dr. Joseph C. Muren, who was then director of the Weber State Institute of Religion and is now serving as Mission President of the Costa Rica, San Jose Mission, spoke on apostates, Church History and prominent early church members. The May meeting, as was each of the above meetings, was held at the Mansion House and an excellent dinner was enjoyed by all in attendance. Bert N. Smith related many stories about his grandfather, Lott Smith, who was one of the early settlers of the west. The annual outing to Lagoon and Pioneer Village was our June activity. This is always an enjoyable time as it brings the members and their families closer together in the same way our Pioneer Families played together. Except, of course, the facilities and conditions we enjoy are more extensive and elaborate.

One of the outstanding events of the year is the summer steak fry. This year it was again held at Pres. Robert Jackson's summer home in Nordic Valley. It was a great evening and as usual, no one went away hungry. Speakers for the evening were Lysle and Sister Chard. They gave a history and showed many pictures on the early settlement of the Eden, Liberty and Huntsville area.



*Temple Quarry Chapter officers: L to R, Gene Drake, Dell Smith, Russell Stocking, Jack Eldredge - President, Glen Greenwood, Bert Cheever.*

### Temple Quarry Chapter

Many exciting events are taking place in Temple Quarry Chapter. Talented people with enthusiasm and spirit make things go.

Saturday, May 19th was an historic event as Trek Chairman, Glen Greenwood led the members to Fort Bridger and Fort Supply in Wyoming. Dr. Fred R. Gowans from B.Y.U. related the story of the forts and the trek of the Donner Party and the Pioneers as they traversed western Wyoming and eastern Utah.

More than 100 members and wives joined for the birthday celebration of the chapter on June 8th. Special mention and honors were extended to Kenneth Rasmussen, LaGrande Asay and Glen Greenwood, each having served two terms as president. LuAnn Asay, daughter of LaGrande, recently returned from a mission in Uruguay-Montevideo was the guest speaker. She gave an interesting account of her travels and work. She also sang songs in Spanish and Guarani, an Indian dialect she learned in Paraguay.

### An Invitation

Join the U.S. Mormon Battalion on a special trek to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. To honor the first Mormon Battalion commanding officer Lt. Colonel James Allen, in the placement of a corrected headstone at his grave in the Fort Leavenworth national cemetery.

We have been invited by Donald L. Polston, superintendant of this cemetery, and Colonel William

### Old Juniper Chapter Member Honored

Glen E. Stringham, associate professor of agriculture and irrigation engineering at Utah State University, Logan, has been elected Rocky Mountain Region director for the American Society of Agricultural Engineers (ASAE). Stringham was installed during the Society's Summer Meeting, June 26-29 at North Carolina State University, Raleigh. He will serve a two year term.

Philip Pipkin, U.S. Army, Retired, who are responsible for this change in the headstone and the ceremony planned this September 16, 1977, at 2:00 P.M.

We thank them for this invitation to be present and to participate with them in this very worth while project. We also feel this has come about due to our presence there last year when we pointed out to them that James Allen orders were that he automatically would receive the rank as Lt. Colonel at the time the Mormon Battalion was enlisted. The headstone at present has him as captain of the First Dragoons.

We also plan to visit many of the church historical points at Independence, Missouri, Far West, Liberty Jail, Council Bluffs, Mormon Bridge and other pioneer trail points of interest.

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Chairman LaMar Gardner welcomes members and guests to 100th Anniversary Reunion of East Mill Creek. At the head table are seated Jack Nielsen and Elder Gordon B. Hinckley with their wives, also the wife of Brother Gardner.

## East Mill Creek Reunion After 100 Years

Probably the largest dinner meeting sponsored by a chapter of the SUP was held 16 July 1977 at the East Mill Creek Stake Center. The occasion was a reunion of all former members of East Mill Creek area which now comprises five LDS stakes and forty-three wards all of which have grown from the original ward that was organized 15 July 1877.

More than 600 people sat down to a delicious meal and then listened to a program weighted with nostalgia. The sayings, the doings, the lives and loves, the families and descendants, the homes, the schools, the fun times and the sad were brought to life again as those on the agenda presented songs, memories and recollections. Elder Gordon B. Hinckley of the Council of the Twelve gave a response at the close of the meeting.

The address of welcome was given by Pres. William Callister, Barr Moss was the master of ceremonies and prayers were offered by H. LeRoy Erickson and Sidney J. Ottley.

The committee for the party was as follows: Dinner, Pres. William Callister; Program, Barr Moss; Reservations, LaMar Gardner; Table decorations, Genevieve Callister and



Part of the six-hundred plus as they dined at the SUP East Mill Creek Anniversary Banquet.

Mildred Richey; EMC Stake Representative, Bruce Lloyd; Mt. Olympus Stake, Orson Wright; Canyon Rim and Wilford Stakes, Jack Nielsen.

## A. Sherman Christensen Honored

A distinct honor was bestowed on a long-time member of the Salt Lake City Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. A. Sherman Christensen was named outstanding judge of the year by the Utah State Bar. He was the senior judge of the U.S. District Court for Utah and was former bar president. Congratulations to Son Christensen. His influence for good will be a profound mark on all Utahns for generations.

## Thanks to Jack and Kay

Your editor, George B. Everton arranged part of the material for the May-June issue of the *Pioneer* but because of commitments out of the state he had to have help to finish up the issue and get it to the printers. Jack Nielsen and E. Kay Kirkham were called to assist and did an excellent job. Our sincere thanks to two good SONS for their helping hands.

DEPEND on the rabbit's foot if you will, but remember—it didn't work for the rabbit.



## Miniature Woodworker

Louis Smith is a talented member of the Temple Quarry SUP. Retired from Kennecott he keeps busy making miniature colonial and pioneer furniture - tables, chairs, desks, dressers, doll cradles and tiny wash tubs complete with wash boards. Upholstery and dressing of dolls is done by his wife, Dorothy. Very artistic and complete. They live in Sandy.

## President of Murray Chapter Seeks Mayor Post

G. Morris Rowley of Murray has tossed his hat into the ring for the position of Mayor.

"The decision has been made because I believe citizens have a responsibility to stand ready to serve their community. I feel we face some challenging decisions in the immediate future," said Mr. Rowley who was recently installed as head of the new Murray Chapter.

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## CHAPTER NEWS AND VIEWS, continued

### Sierra Chapter Holds Picnic and Commemorative Ceremony at Coloma

After much planning more than 50 members and friends of the Sierra Chapter SUP and the DUP of the Sacramento area met at Gold Discovery Park, Coloma for a picnic and a commemorative ceremony at the Coloma Pioneer Cemetery dedicating a new marker at the grave of Nathaniel (Nathan) Hawk, a member of Co. B of the US Mormon Battalion also a "Rider of the California Star Express."

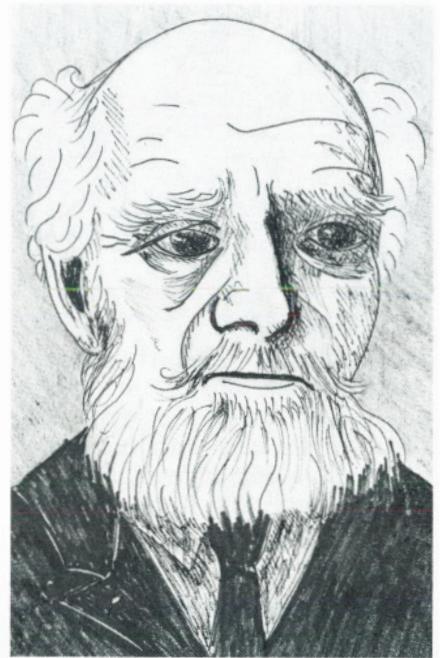
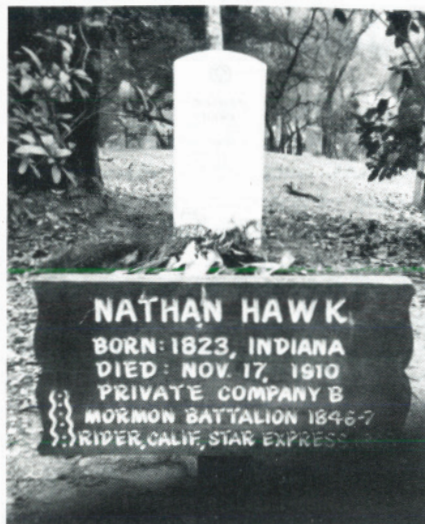
Visitors and participating officials representing SUP of Northern California included: Grant Ursenbach, president; Ben Lofgreen, program director; Gilbert Holland, 1st VP (opening prayer); Mance H. Vaught, 2nd VP (commemorative comments); William M. Covenington, unveiling headstone; Patriarch Homer Smith, dedicatory prayer. DUP officials included Lucile B. White, president of Placer County Camps; Mary Martineau, 2nd VP; Janet Richardson, Sec.; Diana Thurman 1st VP of Sacramento Camps.

Betty Laarveld of El Dorado Research, Placerville wrote, after much factfinding and analyses an intriguing story of Nathaniel Hawk. The above sketch of the USMB veteran was made by Irene Barton, Placerville artist, from an old photograph published in a Sacramento newspaper, July 5, 1907.

The story is intriguing as it brings to light considerable information about a man who helped to conquer the wilderness by serving in the famous Mormon Battalion and then carrying the message of the "Gold strike" to the east where it eventually spread around the world. It is presumed that his father William Hawk enlisted the same day as Nathan, and that they received discharge papers together. Also that he was a "Rider of the California Star"—10 men who were hired by Samuel Brannan to carry a special edition of the *California Star* to the east, especially to Missouri where many were outfitting and heading for Oregon.

The special edition was planned prior to the discovery of gold which occurred on January 24, 1848, but the 2000 copies were not ready until about April 1. A little less than a year after arrival in Missouri they headed west again, Nathaniel leading a company of 80 wagons. His wife, father, mother and other members of his family were with him. His mother was killed by accident and his father left the company at Salt Lake City where he lived until his death in 1881.

On November 17, 1910 at the Soldier's Home in Yountville, Napa County, California, Nathaniel Hawk, a true California Pioneer, died. His obituary from the *Federated Church Records* of Placerville, El Dorado County, California read as follows: *Funeral at the Coloma Presbyterian Church of Nathan Hawk, a native of Indiana, born October 19, 1823, died at Soldier's Home, Yountville, California, November 17, 1910. He was a veteran of the Mexican War. Was in Coloma in 1848 and carried some gold and told first news of Gold Discovery to the east. It is a fitting close to his life that his body finds a resting place in the Coloma Cemetery. He left the following children, William A. Hawk of Sacramento, John A. Hawk of Lotus and Ellen Hawk of Roseville.*



Nathan Hawk Co. B U.S. Mormon Battalion, War with Mexico 1846-48  
Rider California Star Express 1848

### SONS OF UTAH PIONEERS SOUTH DAVIS CHAPTER

The regular monthly dinner meeting with members and guests was held at 6:45 P.M. on August 24 at Serv-Us Drug in Bountiful.

The August 18-19-20 Encampment was described by Ted Arbon in his usual jocular fashion which made the members resolve to attend en masse.

Main speaker on the program was Michael Kuepper who had worked for many days and nights helping restore electrical service to the stricken cities inundated by the Teton River flood of last year. With films, slides and narrative he gave the entire group a vivid account of the heroic efforts of the descendants of those who pioneered the Rexburg area in the 1870's.

Burns Hansen, Chapter Reporter





THE BRIGHAM YOUNG CHAPTER in Provo is continuing a successful program and a growing membership under a group of enthusiastic officers. Pictured left to right are: seated, Anthony I. Bentley, secretary; Leland M. Perry, 1st vice president; Thomas A. Wolsey, president; Eldon J. Card, past president; standing, Heber Jacobs, chaplain; Albert O. Mitchell, historian; D. Eccles Cameron, chaplain; Lowell Woodward, William C. Callahan, John F. Jones, directors. Also serving is J. Morris Richards, 2nd vice president.



Company D Float

## TEMPLE FORK CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

On July 23, 1977, a float was entered in the Mendon Parade by the Temple Fork Chapter of the SUP.

The float was of the theme "Pioneers Westward" and consisted of an old handcart in front of a painted mountain back board, sage brush scattered about. Melvin Muir, his wife Julia and Jennifer and Teresa Kendrick all dressed in pioneer clothing were on the float to portray the noble handcart companies. The float

was pulled by Leland Cottle.

The Mormon Battalion Co "D" was represented by Major D. Wesley Reese, Captain Roland Mortensen, Cpl William Kendrick, Lance Cpl Hubert Ward, Cpl Merlin Kendrick, Cpl Dwain Carlsen, Lance Cpl Bruce Allen and Private Carl Larson. They carried the Mormon Battalion banner and color guard at the front of the parade.

On July 30, 1977, they also participated in the parade at Preston, Idaho. The children of Carl and Margaret Larsen, Marin and Lars were also on the float with Mable Mortensen, Roy Sorenson, Jennifer and Teresa Kendrick. The float was pulled by Leland Cottle. The Mormon Battalion Co. D was in front of the float.

On July 15, 16, 1977, the Temple Fork Chapter held an overnight encampment at the old CCC Camp in Blacksmith Fork Canyon, under the leadership of President-elect, Merlin Kendrick. Delano and Marion Hunsaker were in charge of the meals. The group stayed over night in tents, campers and trailer houses. A very interesting fireside program was held with Father Jerome Stoffel relating the history of Father Escalante's travels in Utah and into Mexico.

Very delicious meals were served and everyone had an enjoyable time.

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## Holladay Chapter S.U.P.

The Holladay Chapter of S.U.P. meets the second Friday of each month with our wives and guests. The meeting place with few exceptions is at Pioneer Village. The usual format is a dinner served at 7:00 P.M. followed by a program by a featured speaker, with musical numbers and a short life sketch of some pioneer, or pioneer event.

The May meeting consisted of a special speaker--Former Governor Herbert B. Maw, who gave a talk on "The Apostles after the Death of Christ".

The June meeting was a delightful 45 minute musical program about a prominent, historical figure, Mrs. Mildred Tanner Pettit. This was carried out by Bernard Tanner, his wife and their five children, who sang some of the songs of Mrs. Pettit. Two of her best known songs are "The Light Devine" and "I am a Child of God". Mrs. Pettit's sister, Roseland Tanner Christenson gave an outstanding narration of Mrs. Pettit's works.

The July meeting was the annual Steak Fry, held at the home of Steve and Sylvia McDonald. A delightful musical program followed by Richard L. Centner and his guitar mixed with stories and antidotes. A sketch of "Fort Holladay" was given by Art Wagstaff.

## CITY OF ROCKS HOLDS PIONEER LORE

On July 9, 1977, the Mormon Battalion Co "D" went on a trip to the City of Rocks near Malta, Idaho. Included in the group were: Merlin W. Kendrick and family, Carl Larson and family, Roland Mortensen and wife, D.Wesley Reese and family, Lorenzo Hansen and wife and Bruce Allen. Four cars were taken and driven in a convoy arriving at City of Rocks at 11:30A.M. Everyone took their own lunch and ate in the shade of a tree. An enjoy-



*A visit to City of Rocks*

able afternoon was spent exploring, visiting and taking pictures. The significance of the City of Rocks is that a group of Mormon Battalion boys returning from California to Salt Lake after their discharge, went down Emigrant Pass about 4 miles south of the City of Rocks. It is said that they hiked among the rocks and carried home stories of the interesting rock formations. Companies of pioneers went along the pass going to California and later a stage coach and station house was in the area.

The story is told by those that live in the area that a stage coach robbery took place and that the loot was hidden in the City of Rocks. A short time ago people with treasure finders searched for the loot and suddenly left during the night leaving the suspicion that the loot was found and taken.

The modern travelers then drove along a dirt road in search of the old stage coach station, but with no luck. Some of the group hiked to some ruins of buildings but found no evidence that these had belonged to the stage coach. On returning to Malta, a service station attendant said that the stage coach station was burned down whether by vandals or accidentally he did not know.

bers since the last encampment.

7. Drive for new members has paid off. 18 new members since last encampment, with a total of 81 members in the chapter.
8. Outstanding Treks have been scheduled for after the encampment.

Their chapter is one of the finest possible. It is well balanced, progressive, growing, leading and helping others to start and to progress.

## East Mill Creek Walks Away with Outstanding Chapter Award

How could they miss with all these projects in progress and completed since the 1976 Encampment:

1. Hosts of the National Encampment, August 18, 19, 20, 1977. One of the finest, most interesting and educational encampments in our history.
2. Sponsored the Centennial Celebration of the historic East Mill Creek Ward Reunion, held July 16, 1977. Apostle Gordon B. Hinkley was speaker and an outstanding program and dinner for 600 people was arranged. This ward's original boundaries now has 40 wards and 4 stakes in the area.
3. Sponsored two new chapters: Taylorsville-Bennion and Murray Chapters, each with thirty new members. One new chapter in process of being organized to be known as the Deseret Chapter, at the University of Utah, and one new chapter to be organized in Granger-Hunter area, and prospects for new chapters at Coalville and at Tooele, Utah. (Hurrah! Hurrah!)
4. Outstanding Attire and Identification of Chapter has been effected by members having new, beautiful gold coats with brown ties, monogrammed EMC, and fine individual name tags for members and partners.
5. Pioneer stories have been turned in by members E. Kay Kirkham and H. Pierce Bringhurst, for the Pioneer Story Contest.
6. Life Membership is really big at E. M. C. Chapter, with eleven new Life Mem-



## Award for Service



*Elder Eldred G. Smith, Patriarch to the Church received OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL AWARD.*

Elder Eldred G. Smith is the seventh Patriarch to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon) and is the great-great-grandson of Joseph Smith, Sr. first Patriarch to the Church and father of Joseph Smith, Jr., prophet-founder of the Church.

Elder Smith was born January 9, 1907, in Lehi, Utah, son of Hyrum Gibbs and Martha Gee Smith. He was educated in the Salt Lake City public schools, the Latter-day Saints High School, and the University of Utah.

His first call to the Church service was a missionary to the Swiss-German Mission, 1926-29. Later Church positions included a stake mission in Liberty Stake, 1929-32; a stake board member of the Mutual Improvement Association in the Ensign Stake for a year and a half from November, 1936; and from that position he was chosen to serve as second-counselor in the bishopric of the 20th Ward, May 25, 1938. On March 10, 1940 the stake was divided, and Elder Smith was named a member of the high council, serving until February 16, 1941, when he was sustained bishop.

In January, 1944 he went to Oak Ridge, Tennessee, as an engineer for the Manhattan Atomic Energy Project; and while there until 1946, he was president of the local branch of the Church.

## Taylorsville- Bennion Chapter of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers

It is about time and in fact past time when the existing Chapters of the Sons of Utah Pioneers should know that a comparatively new Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers was organized on February 2, 1977 at an interesting meeting held at the Club House of the "Fore Lakes Golf Course" in Taylorsville wherein it was unanimously voted that the name of this Chapter should be known as the TAYLORSVILLE-BENNION CHAPTER of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers.

Our officers are as follows: J. Elbert Bennion, President; Winston Palmer, President-elect; Aesal Wallace, 1st Vice President; Merrill Nelson, 2nd Vice President; Cloyd Brown, Secretary & Treasurer; Directors: Rulon Mackay, Clifford Harker and Vintz Houts.

We take this opportunity of expressing our thanks to the East Millcreek Chapter for helping us get off the ground and getting started. Particularly, Jack Nielsen, who devoted much unselfish time and effort in starting us off on the right foot and

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Back in Salt Lake City again, he was sustained Patriarch to the Church on April 6, 1947, and since that time has been active as one of the General Authorities.

He married Jeanne Ness August 17, 1932, in the Salt Lake Temple, and she recently passed away June 13, 1977. They have had two sons and three daughters, and seventeen grandchildren.

He has served as Chaplin to the National Board of the Sons of Utah Pioneers since January 1974. A more worthy person to receive the Outstanding Individual Award would be hard to find. He has been a real asset to the National Board with his practical as well as his devout spiritual assistance.

## Door Prize Winners

President T. Morris Rowley, of the Murray Chapter was winner of the top door prize at the President's Banquet. He received a complete set *Comprehensive History of the Church* which was donated by the Deseret Book Co. Other winners were Bruce Allen, Temple Fork; Ray Alston, Mormon Battalion; and L. Roland Bain, East Mill Creek.

Jack Nielsen as general chairman of the National Encampment showed a high degree of efficiency, following through on hundreds of details such as arranging for the above prizes and many other niceties which made the Encampment extremely enjoyable.

instilling in us a desire and enthusiasm to make our Chapter what it ought to be.

We are proud of President Joseph Elbert Bennion and appreciate his untiring efforts to make our Chapter really "Click". Incidentally, he happens to be the son of Joseph S. Bennion who went back to Nauvoo in 1947 with other pioneers, to relive the trek of the Mormon Pioneers as they crossed the plains and came into our valley in 1847.

Since our Chapter was organized, we have enjoyed a number of interesting meetings, dinner socials and enlightening and educational programs.

Perhaps some of you belonging to Chapters in far away places, wonder just where Taylorsville & Bennion & Granger is located. We also have members from the Granger area. These three districts are adjacent to each other approximately eight miles southwest from Salt Lake.

When and if you have occasion to visit Salt Lake, we cordially invite you to attend one of our meetings if possible.

Clyde Barker, Historian



## President Smith Qualified

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committeeman for the Society of Professional Journalists (Sigma Delta Chi). In addition he was co-founder of the Utah Headliners Chapter of the latter organization in 1953, and executive secretary of the Rocky Mountain College Press Assn. for 14 years.

He became the first editor of the Journalism Educator in 1957, and held that position for four years.

### S.U.P. Activities

In 1955 he became a charter member of the Brigham Young Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers, and served on committees which hosted three encampments at Provo. In the chapter he gave leadership as historian, secretary, vice president, president and member of the board of directors.

During the same years he was active also in the Mormon Battalion, participating in parade units and historic treks and serving on the national staff of the organization.

On the national S.U.P. board he served as vice president from the Utah Valley area, 1974-76, and president-elect, 1976-77. He was chairman of the pioneer story contest for three years and chairman of the

chapter officers' seminar conducted in January, 1977.

### Varied Church Service

In addition to his two-year mission, he served as senior member of two high councils, branch president's counselor, teacher, High Priest's group leader, and member of the Sunday School general board.

In civic organizations other than S.U.P., he has been president of the Utah Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and is currently serving as a national trustee. He has been a board member of the Utah Parks Council, Boy Scouts of America, and a chapter vice chairman and board member in the American Red Cross.

He has a special interest in family organizations and history, and served two years as president of the Jesse N. Smith Family Assn. with 1,000 members, and eight years as editor of its quarterly publication. He has also been co-editor of volumes on the lives of his two grandfathers who were pioneers in Utah and Arizona.

He married the former Barbara McKay, and their family includes eight children and 17 grandchildren. They make their home in Provo.

## Outstanding Couple Award goes to Joseph K. and Zetta Marler Haslam

Joe, born July 28, 1905 in Wells-ville, Utah moved with his family to Lewiston, Utah in 1916. He was educated in the Cache County schools.

Zetta, Born March 24, 1905 on a homestead ranch in Teton, Idaho moved with her family to Lewiston, Utah in 1916. She was educated in the Cache County schools.

Joe and Zetta were married in the Logan Temple November 29, 1922. They are parents of five children - four boys and one girl. The oldest boy served in the Marine Corps for nearly three years during World War II. Three of the sons have fulfilled missions for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They are the proud grandparents of 25 grandchildren and 10 great grand-

children, totalling 40 descendants in all.

They have always been active members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They love to work with and be around young people. Some of their Church assignments have been: Joe - Ward Bishopric, Ward Clerk on three occasions, Ward MIA President, Stake MIA President, Ward Sunday School Superintendent, Choir Member-President, Teacher in various auxiliaries, Master M-men honorary award, Temple Officiator in the Logan Temple; Zetta - Stake MIA

## DAYS OF '47 SUPERB SUCCESS

Joy Dunyon and Emma Olsen with all their committees and helpers are certainly to be congratulated for the foremost and unforgettable DAYS OF '47 celebration. Our parade has attained national ranking very close to the top. The rodeo attracts the worlds champions and is so exciting but easy to watch in the air conditioned Salt Palace. The special programs reported in this issue and the other attractions that were provided to entertain and also to remind us of our pioneer heritage were excellent.

We are especially proud of our own Joy F. Dunyon who is the President of the DAYS OF '47. He has been on the National Board of the SUP for several years and has held many church and civic positions including a mission president in England. Associate President of DAYS OF '47 is Emma R. Olsen who is also president of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers. It is wonderful that the Sons of Utah Pioneers and the Daughters of Utah Pioneers are cooperating to help remind the people of the world that we love, revere and are drawn to our pioneer ancestors. They toiled suffered and died to build up and establish this vast wilderness in the tops of the mountains that we their children might have peace and the opportunity to serve God as he has commanded. The DAYS OF '47 helps to tie the past, the present and the future together with reminders of our obligation to carry on with the courage, strength and ideals of OUR PIONEERS.

President, Ward Relief Society Presidency, Ward MIA President, Ward Primary President, Teacher in various auxiliaries, Choir member, Golden Gleaner Honorary Award, Temple Officiator in the Logan Temple.

During the last few years they have been privileged to travel quite extensively. They have just recently returned from a three week tour to Japan and Hawaii.

They have been associated with





D. Wesley Reese and Oliver R. Smith, President and President Elect of SUP, as they prepare to ride in the DAYS OF '47 Parade. Past President Adolph Johnson seated at rear of carriage.



President Joy Dunyon of the DAYS OF '47 at a luncheon for committee members and participants.

the Sons of the Utah Pioneer organization for approximately seven years. Joe served on the camping committee for one year. He was Director - 1973, President-Elect - 1974, President - 1975 and Past President - 1976.

Retirement is simply a myth in the lives of Joe and Zetta Haslam. They have never been busier in their lives.



Above: President and Sister Kimball ride in parade.

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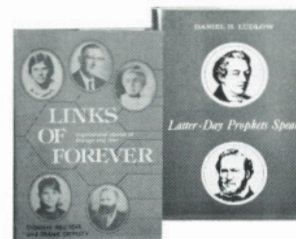


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